

Harrisonburg Holiday Parade

Rules and Regulations

1. Every entry should be lit and/or decorated and please try to be creative and try to adhere to the parade theme "Rocktown Rockin' Holiday". The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry into the parade which does not depict the parade theme or does not adhere to the policies of the parade as stated.
2. Although an entrant chooses the category they wish to enter, the judging committee makes the final decision as to the correct category for each entry based on the type of entry.
3. **Nothing** may be thrown from your entry to the crowd/spectators, as this creates a safety hazard for spectators. Any activity that encourages spectators to enter the parade route is not permitted.
4. Any performance along the route, or in front of the judges, must be a moving/marching routine. **NO STOPPING ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE –WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE JUDGES STAND AND ONLY FOR A 30 SECOND ROUTINE.** Entries that stop anywhere else along the parade route may be disqualified for an award.
5. Groups are permitted a maximum of 2 vehicles per entry. Commercial businesses will pay \$50 per entry / vehicle with a maximum of two entries. Antique Vehicle/Stock Car entries are limited to one vehicle per entry with a maximum of 10 in the category.
6. Floats must have a fire extinguisher on them or in the vehicle pulling them.
7. No part of a float or any entry should exceed 14 feet vertical from street level. All entries must be able to move under public utility wires. Any entry utilizing a motor vehicle must have working tail lights.
8. Bike riders must adhere to local and state laws regarding helmets.
9. Drivers of all vehicles in the parade must have a valid Virginia driver's license.
10. **Santa will be at the end of the parade. Therefore we ask that no entry have anyone dressed as Santa or Ms. Claus.**
11. Any entry with horses or large animals must be responsible for the immediate clean up of excrements from the lineup area and parade route.
12. If your entry includes any animals, you must have liability insurance on your animal and all animals must have current vaccinations.
13. The parade will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and is approximately 1 mile in length.
14. Please provide a complete description of your entry and each entry must display the name of the group and organization as well as the entry number to be considered for an award.
15. All float entries must be safe for passengers and spectators. Seats on floats must be firmly attached or passengers should have holding bars.